

16 February 1982

NOTE FOR: Executive Director

FROM: Deputy Director, Office of External Affairs

SUBJECT: Request for Background Briefing for Synthetic Fuels Corporation

John,

1. Sorry to come back to this yet again, but the nature of this request has changed rather drastically since [] first call. It now should be considered on its merits and not as a special favor to []

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2. Since Synthetic Fuels is one of those quasi-Government agencies with enormous responsibility for investment of U.S. funds, it seems to me we should be helpful if we can. The Corporation is gearing up to make decisions at a 2 March Board meeting. I am told by Office of Global Issues that such request is not unusual, that they have information on foreign activities in this area which might be useful to the Corporation, and that they can provide temporary security clearances up to Secret to recipients of such briefings. This apparently can be done without undue processing.

3. I recommend we provide the briefing. If you agree, I will relay the request to the DDI, who will make the final determination (on basis of available information, available analysts, etc).

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APPROVE (go ahead) : _____

DISAGREE (hold off) : _____

If you agree we should go ahead, I see no reason to make a point of excluding [] He should be treated like all the rest.

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AGREE : _____

DISAGREE : _____

IF THE SYNTHETIC FUELS PEOPLE HAVE RECEIVED
PROPER CLEARANCES THEY CAN BE BRIEFED ACCORDINGLY.
IF THEY HAVEN'T BEEN APPROVED FOR THEIR JOB THEY
SHOULD NOT. THAT'S DCI POLICY - IF []
FALLS []

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